The Weather

Fair and cold tonight, low 20 to 25. Mostly cloudy and cold tomorrow, high 35 to 40. Outlook: Saturday fair and very cold.

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'Hypnotized'

NEW ORLEANS, March 16 (UPI)—Perry Raymond Russo testified today he was hypnotized three times on District Attorney Jim Garrison's instructions before he told a court hearing he witnessed businessman Clay Shaw conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

"Have you ever heard of

a post-hypnotic suggestion?" Shaw's attorney, F. Irvin Dymond, asked him.

Dymond drew from Russo in cross-examination yesterday an admission that he once underwent psychiatric treatment and that he did not recognize Lee Harvey Oswald as one of the "conspirators" he knew as "Leon Oswald" for three years.

Today, Russo said he underwent the hypnosis sessions between Feb. 24, when he first got in touch with Garrison, and last Monday. Next day, Shaw's preliminary hearing began on Garrison's accusations that he conspired to kill Kennedy.

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After Dymond's question about post-hypnotic suggestion, the attorney explained he wanted to know whether the hypnotist had instructed Russo to do anything after the session was over.

"He told me to be very relaxed and come out with a smile on my face," Russo said.

Dymond also bore in today on Russo's statements yesterday that he did not know Oswald was the "beatnik" he knew as Leon Oswald until a police artist on Garrison's instructions drew whiskers on a picture of the presidential assassin last Feb. 27.

HAUNTED BY THOUGHT

Russo said he had always been haunted by the thought that Oswald might be the man he allegedly saw conspiring with Shaw and pilot David Ferrie in Ferrie's apartment in mid-September of 1963.

"The face was always familiar, Mr. Dymond," he said. "I made remarks to my friends, 'I think I know this man.'"

Dymond asked him repeatedly why he did not go to the Secret Service, the FBI or the Warren Commission.

"Very frankly, I was trying to get out of school," Russo said. "I was no authority on anything and I'm still not. At that time, I was 21 or 22 and I was not going to sit down and fight the federal government."

Russo said he was hypnotized some time after he reported for the first time to Garrison's office Feb. 27 but could not "recollect" whether all three sessions were in the Orleans parish (county) coroner's office.

He said the hypnosis was conducted by Dr. Esmond A. A. Fatter under the supervision of Coroner Nicholas J Chetta.

Russo said he could not recall specific dates or events concerning the hypnosis and ould not remember what he

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talked about with the hypnotist.

Presumably, Russo was hypnotized to determine whether he was telling the truth about attending a party in Ferrie's apartment in mid-September of 1965 at which he said he heard Ferrie, Oswald and Shaw do the plotting.

A grand jury also resumed today its own investigation of the assassination—or perhaps Garrison's probe of it. The grand jury subpoenaed two men, including attorney Dean Andrews, who once told the Warren Commission he was approached to defend Oswald the day after the assassination.

Dymond hammered relentlessly at Russo today.

"When were you hypnotized by Dr. Fatter?" the attorney asked.

and one of the conspirators

"Some time after the 24th," Russo replied.

Russo testified yesterday he wrote a letter to Garrison Feb. 22, the day Ferrie was found dead of a brain hemorrhage in his New Orleans apartment.

He said today he reported to Garrison's office the following Monday—Feb. 27.

"Were you hypnotized the first day?" Dymond asked. asked.

"I don't recoll if it was thef irst day," Russo said.

Then he added: "No. I do remember. The composite photograph was made up the first day."

He had testified yesterday hew as not able to identify Oswald as the "Leon Oswald" he knewi n New Orleans as Ferrie's roommate until an artist drew whiskers on Oswald's face at Garrison's direction.